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- 25X1A 1. A high-ranking officer was picked up at the railroad station by jeep ☐ and taken to the Alte Kaserne.

About 300 troops, most of them wearing tank insignia, and 20 to 30 trucks were observed in the kaserne.

11 September 1949

2. A train with tank troops was unloaded in BURG, according to local residents. About 20 tanks with long-barreled guns were seen moving to the Alte Kaserne.

12 September 1949

3. Troops and the following materiel were detrained:

Nine self-propelled guns

One tank with long-barreled gun

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Four trucks ☐Several trucks ☐

Billeting equipment from five boxcars.

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The train was said to have come from JAEVENITZ (M 53/Y 54). Following detrainment, the unit moved to the Alte Kaserne.

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4. A convoy of two passenger cars and about 25 trucks, coming from the direction of ROGAETZ (M 53/Y 72), moved into the Alte Kaserne during the evening.

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5. A train, which was said to have come from JAEVREITH, was unloaded in 25 minutes early in the morning. The following materiel was observed:

18 SU-152 self-propelled guns

One four-wheel armored reconnaissance car

Three trucks, including the truck

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One jeep

Billeting equipment from 12 boxcars.

The billeting equipment was hauled to the Alte Kaserne on

14 September 1949

6. Railroadmen stated that six tanks, several trucks and billeting equipment from 12 boxcars were detrained and moved into the Alte Kaserne.

15 September 1949

7. About 800 troops, equipped with 70 tanks and more than 60 trucks of tank units returned to the Alte Kaserne, BURG.

Col. KOREYIN (presumably KOCHYEYUT) was identified by a signature as CO of the troops in the Alte Kaserne.

Early August and mid-September 1949

8. a. About 400 artillery troops with 30 to 40 trucks had been observed in the Neue Kaserne, BURG, in early August 1949. Small truck convoys, sometimes hauling guns, arrived at regular intervals in the Neue Kaserne up to mid-September 1949. The convoys came from a southerly direction and a northwesterly direction.

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b. The artillery units quartered in the Neue Kaserne totaled about 800 troops, equipped with at least 80 trucks and 40 guns of light calibers.

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10. Twenty-four self-propelled guns of 150 mm caliber (allegedly of type SU-249) and four trucks [redacted] were detained in BURG. 25X1

25X1A [redacted] The unloading work was supervised by a colonel and two majors. The unit, allegedly returning from maneuvers, marched to the kaserne on August Bebelstrasse.

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Comment:

a. About 20 troops, 18 to 20 years of age, led by a second lieutenant arrived in BURG on 26 August 1949, aboard an express train coming from the direction of BERLIN. The troops, wearing the crossed gun barrel insignia on their epaulets, marched to the Neue Kaserne.

b. It was repeatedly observed that small groups of Soviet soldiers arrived in BURG aboard scheduled trains and proceeded to ALTENGRABOW by rail.

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Comment:

According to previous information, the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army and artillery units (presumably component units of an artillery brigade of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany in the BURG - MAGDEBURG area) were stationed in BURG. Component units of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt have been regularly observed going by small shipments to the Letzling Heath (JAEVENITZ), and BURG artillery units going to ALTENGRABOW for summer exercises since April 1949. The report indicates that the exercises were completed in mid-September 1949, and that the units returned to their BURG kasernes. Similar observations have been made in all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany since mid-September 1949.

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